

Awesome, Dude!

The World

1990 - Nelson Mandela released from South African prison after 27 years.

1990 - East and West Germany reunified after 43 years.

1990 - Boris Yeltsin becomes president of the new Russian Republic in May and quits the Communist party in June.

1991 - Operation Desert Storm begins in Iraq.

1992 - The Internet gives rise to the World Wide Web.

1992 - 55 million people watch Johnny Carson's last night as host of the *Tonight* show.

1996 - Meteorite from Mars points to possibility of life on other planets.

1997 - "Dolly" cloned from an udder cell of an adult sheep.

1999 - Executive Order 13112 on Invasive Species signed.

ARS

1990 - Oatrim fat replacer for food developed from soluble oat fiber and natural enzymes.

1990 - Technique developed to grow taxol-producing cells in tissue culture.

1991 - Discovered first-ever homeobox - region of a gene that enables it to control other genes - in plants.

1992 - SoilGard, the first commercial biocontrol agent for soil-borne diseases, developed in cooperation with industry.

1993 - Developed paper from chicken feathers.

1993 - Developed remote-sensing technology to measure surface soil moisture, temperature and other landscape characteristics.

NPARL

1996 - The Range Weed and Range Insect Laboratories located in Bozeman, MT were moved to the Sidney ARS lab, which was also given a new name: the Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory.

1997 - TEAM Leafy Spurge program begins; centered at NPARL.

2002 - Growth of the lab and its programs lead to its division into two research units in February and to construction of a new lab/office complex that March. The building was completed that summer and dedicated in August.